

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK UP ON THE REVISIONS TO VIRGINIA'S HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a thirty (30) day public comment period.

How is Virginia Involved?

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) submitted an official application for EPA approval of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions on May 6, 2005.

What is the Purpose of this Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to announce that: (1) EPA has received a complete application from the Commonwealth of Virginia requesting approval of revisions to its hazardous waste management program; (2) EPA has reviewed Virginia's application and has made a determination that Virginia's hazardous waste program revisions satisfy all of the requirements necessary to qualify for approval; (3) Virginia's application for approval is now available for public inspection; and (4) public comments may be submitted by June 9, 2006.

What is Necessary For Program Approval?

Hazardous wastes are regulated under Federal law pursuant to Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Section 3006 of RCRA authorizes EPA to approve a State hazardous waste program to operate in lieu of the Federal hazardous waste program. Authorization ensures that State programs are consistent with and at least as stringent as, the Federal program. Therefore, approval will be granted when EPA determines that a State hazardous waste management program is consistent with and "no less stringent" than the Federal hazardous waste management program.

What is EPA's Determination?

EPA has reviewed Virginia's hazardous waste management program revision application submitted on May 6, 2005, and has determined that it meets all the requirements necessary to qualify for approval.

Where Can I See the Final Authorization Application?

Copies of Virginia's Final Revision Authorization Application are available from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following addresses for inspection and copying:

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Waste Program Coordination
629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219
Contact: Robert Wickline (804) 698-4213
West Central Regional Office
3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019
Contact: Aziz Farahmand (540) 562-6872

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III Library
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029
(215) 814-5254

How Am I Involved?

The public may provide written comments on EPA's decision to approve Virginia's Final Authorization Application for hazardous waste management program revisions. The deadline for submitting written comments is June 9, 2006. Comments should be sent to:
Lillie Ellerbe, State Programs Branch (3WC21), U.S. EPA - Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, (215) 814-5454. Comments may also be submitted electronically to ellerbe.lillie@epa.gov, or by

facsimile at (215) 814-3163.

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